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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA--THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE--FRIDAY MARCH 25 1904.

## WANT NATURAL GAS LAWS LIKE THOSE OF INDIANA

And Business Men's Convention  
Held at Waldo Hotel Frames  
Resolutions and Will Draft  
a Bill to Present at Next  
Session of Legislature.

Active Steps Will be Taken to Preserve and Pro-  
tect Natural Gas Resources of West Virginia--  
Convention Adjourns After Very Enthusi-  
astic and Satisfactory Session.

The convention of representatives of the Boards of Trades and business men's leagues of the various cities, counties and towns of the State held for the purpose of taking steps to preserve and protect the natural gas resources of the State, adjourned sine die in the assembly room of the Waldo hotel late Thursday afternoon.

At the close of the address of W. W. Thornton, assistant attorney general of the State of Indiana, who explained the Indiana State laws enacted to protect and preserve the natural gas industry of that State, the committee on resolutions and legislation submitted the following through John W. Davis, the chairman, and the same was adopted by a vote of the convention:

The committee on resolutions begs to submit to this convention the following resolutions and recommendations:

Whereas, The interests of this State and its people clearly demand that its great natural resources shall be preserved and preserved as far as may be for the benefit of its citizens and industries and to this end that the wasteful and extravagant use and injudicious management of our natural gas shall be regulated and controlled, and

Whereas, A sentiment of the citizens of the State is believed to be overwhelmingly in favor of such regulation and of immediate action in relation thereto--now therefore be it

Resolved, (1)--That we favor the immediate passage of such legislation as shall be best fitted to this end and that we express to the officers of this State and our Legislature the imperative command of its people that action be taken at the earliest opportunity.

(2)--That we commend to the Legislature with approval and our request for its immediate enactment the legislation now in force in the State of Indiana, as compiled and presented in the form of a bill to this convention as a part of this report and that we request the careful study and consideration of the question at the hands of such Legislature with a view to the passage of such further protective legislation as may be found possible.

(3)--That we request His Excellency the governor of this State, that in the event of a special session of the Legislature shall be called at any time before the next regular session of the same to embody in such call the general subject of such legislation and in any message to be submitted by him to urge upon said Legislature immediate action in the premises.

(4)--That the chairman of this meeting be and is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint immediately upon the adjournment of this convention a committee on legislation to be composed of five members, one of whom shall be the present chairman, whose duty it shall be to frame such other or further legislation as may be deemed proper and to present the same to the Legislature of this State at the earliest opportunity and to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the passage thereof.

(5)--That the chairman be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a further committee on finance composed of five members to raise such funds as may be necessary in defraying such expenses as may be incurred by the said committee on legislation in the promotion of this movement.

(6)--That regardless of any question as to the expiration, waste or misuse of the natural gas of the State, we earnestly urge upon the Legislature the passage of such acts as shall subject to taxation the natural gas resources of the State, from which little or no revenue is now being derived and which shall place upon the persons engaged in producing the same their fair share of the public burden.

(7)--That the thanks of this convention be rendered Hon. W. W. Thornton and Hon. I. C. White, of Indiana, for their addresses with which they have favored this movement.

JOHN W. DAVIS, Chairman.  
F. W. CLARK, Secretary.

Many addresses were made in the debate on the resolutions and the bill by Governor White, Harvey W. Harner, John W. Davis, of Clarksburg; J. C. Brady, of Wheeling; Senator Cole, of Weston; William Kincaid, of Cameron, and others. Governor White expressed his willingness to do all in his power to assist in the enactment of any laws that will protect the natural gas industry of the State, the stoppage of the enormous waste or prohibition of exportation of gas from the State, either by taxation or police regulations.

Accompanying the resolutions is the bill which was drafted by the committee to be presented at the next session of the Legislature for enactment. The bill provides for the enactment of laws similar in every respect to those in force in the State of Indiana to-day. In the course of debate on the resolutions and the bill, Governor White pointed out that if it was the idea of the convention to place a tax on the natural gas that was sent out of the State, it would be necessary to place the same tax on the gas that was used within the State, else the act would be unconstitutional and therefore null and void. The Legislature of Indiana passed a law prohibiting the exportation of gas beyond the borders of the State but this was held to be in violation of the interstate commerce laws by the Supreme Court. Other legislation was necessary to go after the desired end.

The bill framed by the committee provides for the creation of a State natural gas inspector; prohibits the use of flambeaux street burners, substituting the kumho burner instead; limits the size of the burners to 50 candle power; prohibits the use of natural gas pumps in extracting gas from wells; prohibits the burning of street lights in the day time; requiring that all abandoned and unused wells be covered or plugged and all other such laws as are in effect in Indiana to-day providing for the preservation and protection of the natural gas resources of the State.

This bill is to be shaped up and properly prepared for its introduction in the Legislature by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The following finance committee was appointed by the chair in accordance with the resolutions adopted: Thomas G. Brady, Clarksburg. Charles Capito, Charleston. George E. House, Wheeling. J. Lee Harne, New Martinsville. S. B. Stiles, Parkersburg.

Before adjournment of the convention, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Thomas G. Brady, for his untiring efforts in bringing about the meeting and for his work in endeavoring to have means taken to protect the natural gas of West Virginia.

The convention then adjourned. Chairman Sturgis to-day appointed the following committee to frame the bill on the basis of the one prepared by the committee on legislation and resolutions and to present it at the next session of the legislature in accordance with the resolution on that matter: George C. Sturgis. W. B. Hubbard, Wheeling. D. R. Archer, Parkersburg. C. Wood Dailey, Elkins. John W. Davis, Clarksburg.

**DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.**  
Attorneys E. F. Goodwin and F. O. Sutton, who formed a law partnership here a few months ago, have dissolved that partnership and Mr. Goodwin now has his office in room No. 3, in the Irwin building. Mr. Sutton remains at the old office.

**WILL MOVE TO COLORADO.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett have sold their property in this city preparatory to moving to Colorado permanently for the benefit of their health. They will go to that State in the near future. Mr. Garrett's health has not been very good for several months.

## FANCY

Articles of All Kinds and Home-Made Candies will Be On Sale at Church Bazaar to Be Held in Waldo Hotel Building on Saturday.

Aprons of all kinds, neckwear, fancy articles and home-made candies will be on sale at the bazaar to be held in the store room in the Waldo hotel building, lately occupied by Rothstein's jewelry store, by the Parish Aid Society of Christ Episcopal church Saturday afternoon. The sale will commence at 3.30 o'clock and continue until 10.30 o'clock in the evening. The proceeds of the sale is to go towards the church fund. All friends and members of the church are urged to attend.

## "BIG FOUR"

To Represent West Virginia in the Republican National Convention Are Here Suggested.

While but little has been said so far concerning West Virginia's probable delegation to the Republican National Convention to be held in Chicago, the nominating conventions as to the delegates have been fixed. As all know the State is entitled to four delegates-at-large and two delegates from each congressional district. There being five of these districts in the State, West Virginia will have a numerical representation of fourteen in the national convention. The delegates-at-large will be selected at the convention to be held at Charleston April 14. No names have been mentioned so far in this connection and the Telegram takes the initiative in suggesting the "big four" of the State to thus represent West Virginia, namely Stephen B. Elkins, Nathan B. Scott, James L. Caldwell and A. B. White. With such a representation as this West Virginia would make a fine showing in the convention and have in its delegation big guns, who would command the attention and deference of the national assemblage. The congressional delegates are selected at the various congressional conventions and the two from this district will be elected at the convention to be held in Wheeling April 12 to nominate a candidate for congress. The "big four" idea ought to meet with the approval of every Republican in the State and the Telegram calls on the Republican editors to pass the word along.

## COMMENCEMENT

Occurs at the Salem Graded Schools and Fine Program is Very Well Carried Out.

Special to the Telegram.  
Salem, W. Va., March 25--The graduation exercises of the graded schools were held in the Methodist church here last night. They were the most brilliant in the history of the schools and the most largely attended. The church edifice was full to overflowing and many were turned away.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. A. A. Kelley. A male quartette then delivered "Onward and Upward." This was followed by Miss Anna Nesbitt, one of the graduates, whose subject was "Greeting." Miss Hallie Leonard then delivered a recitation, entitled "A Message to Garcia."

She was followed by Cretah Randolph, who sang a solo and next was an oration by Benjamin Bowman, having for his topic, "Monuments More Enduring Than Marble." Miss Judith Hison was next on the program with an essay on "Self-Reliance." Derry Perine followed with a recitation on "A Denominational Garden." and Wirt Randolph closed with an oration on "Our Greatest Glory."

The presentation of diplomas was made by Principal Moses A. Vonhorn in a neat little speech. But the address of the evening was by Prof. Thomas E. Hodges, of the State university, whose talk to the class on educational lines was very strong and effective.

The young ladies of the graduating class especially deserved the applause and glory they received, but the young men did themselves proud also.

The members of the class were Anne Nesbitt, Derry Perine, Judith Hison, Hallie Leonard, Grace Furbee, Benjamin Bowman and Wirt Randolph.

**FREIGHT RECEIPTS**  
Are Estimated at Forty Thousand Dollars and Thousands Will Not Get In.

By Associated Press.  
San Francisco, Cal., March 25--The receipts for the night to-night between Corbett and Britt are estimated at forty thousand dollars. All the seats have been sold and it is expected that fully five thousand applicants for admission will be disappointed.

## LARGE

Audience Witnessed "A Chinese Honeymoon" at the Traders Grand Opera House Thursday Night and Was Highly Pleased With It.

Even at the exorbitant admission fee of two dollars a seat the Traders Grand Opera house was filled to its capacity Thursday evening when Sam S. Schubert and Nixon & Zimmerman's famous musical extravaganza and comedy opera "A Chinese Honeymoon" was presented. The play was heartily enjoyed through out by the audience. The comedy parts were extremely amusing, the singing was very good, the acting clever, the chorus girls pretty and graceful, the scenery and costumes handsome. The libretto is bright and sparkling throughout and one that holds the close interest and attention of the audience. Lack of space forbids the mention of the different characters of the cast, but all were exceptionally good and each one seemed to have been particularly picked out for the roles assigned.

"A Chinese Honeymoon" like "Florodora" is one of the few big musical productions that have won favor and popularity to a large extent. The play has enjoyed several seasons' tremendous success and if the present high standard of the cast and management is continued it bids fair to live a longer life than any of the others.

## SCALDED TO DEATH

Were Trainmen on the Michigan Central Railroad and Fireman May Also Die.

By Associated Press.  
Niles, Mich., March 25--Edward French engineer, and Frank E. Young, brakeman, were scalded to death to-day in a wrecked engine at a washout on the Michigan Central railroad, four miles west of her. Fireman Ross Moses may die.

## THREE RECRUITS ACCEPTED

Alva D. Weaver, of Simpson; Blaine Willison and Clarence C. Smith, of this city, have been accepted at the local recruiting station by Sergeant George W. Hawthorne, for infantry service in the United States army and will be sent to Columbus, Ohio, next Monday. George L. Geus, of this city, has been rejected.

## SENSATIONAL DECLINE IN STOCKS

By Associated Press.  
Columbus, Ohio, March 25--The defeat of the canal bill at Columbus yesterday caused a sensational decline in Miami and Erie Transportation stocks and bonds. Stock which sold for thirty-eight was offered at 31 1/2. Bonds that sold at 90 were offered at 50.

## HOUSES WRECKED

And Many People Injured in Tornado Which Visited Suburbs of Chicago Last Night.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Ill., March 25--A severe storm last night at Washington Heights, Morgan park and Fernwood, reached the form of a tornado. Houses were wrecked in all the suburbs and several persons were injured. The roof of one house was carried off and crushed the upper story of another house two hundred feet away. Almost every house in Burnside was wrecked. Houses were flooded in South Chicago.

## SHINN SUGGESTED FOR SHERIFF

A writer in this week's Shinnston News, signing himself "Democrat," makes a strong plea in behalf of Howard T. Shinn, mayor of Shinnston, for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. The same date the Clarksburg News contains the portrait of Charles A. Short, of Shinnston, and advocates his nomination for that place. Jackson V. Carter, of Tennille district, has also been mentioned in that connection.

## THEATER MAN MURDERED.

By Associated Press.  
Cincinnati, Ohio, March 25--Mark Abrams, proprietor of the Concert Hall, was shot and killed in his place of business to-day by James Tracey. The latter was arrested.

## COTTON PRODUCTION DECLINES.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., March 25--The final report of the census bureau shows the cotton production of the United States for 1903, at 10,399,558 commercial bales, including linters. The amount for 1902 was 11,275,105.

## JUMBO

The Big Steer Will Be Seen Free To-day and To-morrow, Then He Goes to World's Fair at St. Louis.

Messrs. L. L. Queen, A. D. Bassell and James E. Williams, owners of Jumbo, the big steer that has been on exhibition at the Lanham livery stable the past two months, are arranging to take him from Clarksburg, and in order to let every one in Clarksburg have an opportunity to see him, they have decided to give a free exhibition to-day and to-morrow. This will be the last opportunity to see him, before he starts to the World's Fair. They have him now in a tent just west of the Walker hotel, where he may be seen free throughout the day and up to a late hour at night. Mr. Queen will take him to Grafton the first of next week to exhibit him there a few days. Then he goes to Fairmont with him, thence to Wheeling, thence to towns along the Ohio river, including Parkersburg, thence to Chillicothe, thence to Columbus, thence to Cincinnati, and from that city direct to St. Louis, arriving at the World's Fair about May 1. Jumbo weighs over 3,000 pounds and is the largest steer ever raised in West Virginia.

## GUILTY OF MURDER

In the Second Degree is the Verdict of the Jury in the Okey Taylor Case at Buckhannon.

Thursday evening at Buckhannon Okey Taylor was convicted of murder in the second degree. He was indicted for killing in cold blood Marion Furia, a reputable farmer of Gilmer county. The trial created much interest in that section of the State.

Including the Taylor trial, there have been three murder trials at that place at the present term of court. One was acquitted and another, in which an Italian was tried, resulted in conviction and a sentence of five years to the penitentiary.

## BISHOP DONAHUE IN CITY.

Bishop P. J. Donahue is in the city from Wheeling and is transferring some business in connection with the estate of the late Father O'Connor, of which he is the executor. He is also attending to some matters for the Catholic church here. He brought with him a second assistant to the rector John A. Reynolds. This assistant will be stationed here a short while. The bishop will remain here until to-morrow.

## PEOPLE AGITATED

Over the Special Privileges Extended to Man Accused of Murdering Twin Sister.

By Associated Press.  
Rising Sun, Ind., March 25--Judge Downey to-day recognized James Gillespie, charged with murdering his twin sister, to five thousand dollars bond, granting liberties but not freedom. The bond allowed Gillespie to walk about the jail corridor during the day. Such bond is not recognized in law but the Judge and sheriff say conditions warrant it. There is much agitation over these special privileges to the prisoner.

## BOUND OVER

To Circuit Court Was Samuel Bunch, Accused of Stealing Two Gold Watches and Money From John Bee.

Samuel Bunch, the young man who was arrested charged with stealing two gold watches and \$55.50 in money from John Bee while the latter was sleeping in a railroad car on a siding in the B. & O. yards here, was given a hearing by Magistrate M. S. Riley Friday morning and bound over to circuit court in the sum of \$500. He was unable to furnish bond and was sent to jail. Bunch and another fellow tried to dispose of the watches and other articles taken from Bee to a bartender and this led to his arrest. The watches and Bee's pocket knife and pocket book were found upon him. He claimed that the property had been given him to pawn by Bee.

## NEW MINE OPENING.

The Clarksburg Fuel Company is preparing to make a new opening at O'Neill west of Wilsonburg. It will be near No. 1 opening and the coal in the direction of Katyliek is to be worked. Opening No. 1 will soon be out of use as nearly all the coal has been worked out.

## POOL ROOMS ORDERED CLOSED.

By Associated Press.  
Cincinnati, Ohio, March 25--Covington, Kentucky, pool rooms were ordered closed by the court to-day.

## AN AWFUL STORM SWEEPS OVER CHICAGO

And the Section of Country Surrounding for Many Hundred Miles--Great Loss of Life and Destruction of Property Occurs.

Lake Shore Bridge Washes Away--Park Submerged at Chicago and Families Flee in Boats--Other Towns and Cities Suffer Greatly From Wind and water.

## CALL ISSUED TO EAGLES

By State President McNabb For State Convention at Wheeling the Middle of June.

State Deputy Grand President M. H. McNabb, of Parkersburg, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, has called the annual state convention. He names Wheeling as the place and June 14, 15 and 16, as the time for holding it. Each aerie will be entitled to five delegates, and at his suggestion, they will be chosen as early as possible. These delegations are to include the worthy president, the past worthy president and three members to be elected.

The convention will be the first one held in the State of this growing organization, and the executive committee is making great preparations for the event. There are now fourteen aeries in the State, located at Parkersburg, Huntington, Charleston, Clarksburg, Grafton, Sistersville, Moundsville, Benwood, Mannington, Fairmont, Weston, Williamson, Littleton and Wheeling, with three more about ready to be instituted and several possible by the time the gathering is held. In all about one hundred delegates will be in attendance. It is expected that beside Grand Worthy President Timothy D. Sullivan, several more of the national officers will be present.

## NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

By Associated Press.  
Spencer, Ind., March 25--The Republicans of the second congressional district have nominated John C. Chaney for congressman and Joseph Voris and H. E. Cushman delegates to the Chicago convention.

## FUNERAL OF MORRIS WHITE.

The funeral of Morris White, who died suddenly of heart trouble at his home at the Pittsford coal mine near this city Thursday morning, took place at ten o'clock Friday morning. The remains were taken to Lost Creek and buried in the Sheets cemetery.

## TRANSFERRED FROM INFANTRY.

Lyman Morris, of this city, who enlisted in the United States army in February, and is now a member of Company F, Third Infantry, at Columbus, Ohio has been transferred to the recruiting service here and will assist Sergeant George W. Hawthorne.

## SUGAR IMPORTS INCREASE.

By Associated Press.  
New Orleans, La., March 25--The heavy importations of Cuban sugar since the reduction of twenty per cent, was made in duty has compelled the employment of extra help.

## TIRED OF LIFE.

By Associated Press.  
Celina, Ohio, March 25--Fred. Rain living north of this place, committed suicide to-day by hanging. Poor health is supposed to have been the cause for the rash act.

## FREIGHT STATION DESTROYED.

By Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Pa., March 25--The Pennsylvania Railroad freight station at 29th and Market street, burned to-day. The loss is \$35,000.

## VISITS CLARKSBURG.

Harry Howe, publisher of the Salem Herald, was in the city Friday soliciting advertisements and doing other business in the interests of his paper. This was his first visit to Clarksburg since he entered the newspaper field at Salem.

Chicago, March 25--One of the most severe storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago last night. Great damage was done in the suburbs to the south of the city, and considerable loss was sustained north of the city proper. The storm did not strike the business portion of the city in its greatest force.

The town of Indiana Harbor, twenty miles southwest of Chicago, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, was the heaviest sufferer. One man, L. Barker, the proprietor of a dry goods store was killed, and fifteen persons who were in his store when the storm struck were injured, some of them seriously, although none are expected to die. Barker's store was entirely demolished, eighteen residences were blown down and several persons were hurt in the ruins of their homes.

## MANY INJURED

and Much Property Damaged by Rain and Wind Storm--No Lives Lost. By Associated Press.

East St. Louis, March 25--Many persons were injured and much property damaged by last night's rain and wind storm, but no lives were lost.

## CHICAGO SUBMERGED.

First Floors of Houses in Park Under Water--Families Flee in Boats and Schools Close.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, March 25--In Dauphin Park the first floors of many houses are submerged. Families are fleeing by boats and schools are closed.

## KALAMAZOO ON RAMPAGE.

By Associated Press.  
Battle Creek, March 25--There is an unprecedented rise in the Kalamazoo river and street cars are stopped, bridges swept out and railroad depots are surrounded by water. Merchants are removing goods from the basement floors.

## FLOOD CLOSES FACTORIES.

By Associated Press.  
Grand Rapids, Mich., March 25--Four per cent. of the large factories have been compelled to close by the flood of the Grana river. The basements in the wholesale districts are flooded. The southwest residence district is under water. The Lake Shore bridge has been washed away. Other bridges are in danger.

## SHOP LIFTERS

Among Slaves Get in Their Work at the Bon Ton by Stealing a Valuable Skirt.

The slippery-fingered gentry is not confined to any one nationality, it seems, since a party of Slavs is suspected of indulging in that sort of business. The party went into the Bon Ton store Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and its members were engaged in making purchases and looking at goods generally, when one of them quietly picked up a \$10.00 skirt and concealed it among her packages until after she left the store. The theft was committed, while the lady clerk was getting down an article they wished to look at and was not discovered until they had gone. One of the young lady clerks constituted herself a detective and soon ran the crowd down but there was nothing visible to show that the skirt was in their possession. In one store where they were making small purchases, she tried to persuade the women of the party to permit the clerk to put the small packages in some of the big paper polks they carried but they stoutly declined to allow this to be done, and thus thwarted the young lady detective in her efforts to see what were in the polks. In addition to her efforts policemen and constables were also pressed into service, but their efforts also failed to locate the thief and the skirt.